

Appl. No. 10/534,265
Response dated August 30, 2006
Reply to Office Action of May 18, 2006

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that consideration of this amendment is proper because they have attempted to comply with every requirement expressly set forth in the previous Office Action dated May 18, 2006 and believe the application is now in condition for allowance.


Claims 1-24 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,844,081. This patent and the subject application are commonly owned by HBF, Inc. An assignment is being filed concurrently herewith, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. Applicants further enclose herewith a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,844,081. Since a timely filed terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

By the above arguments and amendments, Applicants believe that they have complied with all requirements expressly set forth in the pending Office Action. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance on the remaining allowed claims is respectfully requested. Should the

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Examiner discover there are remaining issues which may be resolved by a telephone interview, she is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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